

# Fílipa Páto 2022 Nossa Calcário (Bical) Bairrada

WineWise Code	PFP-PQB22
Country	Portugal
Region	Beiras
Color/Style	Red
Farming Practices	Bio-dynamic
Varieties	100% Baga
ABV	11.5
Residual Sugar	<1.5
Acidity	5.1
Closure	Natural Cork
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	NET
Maceration	One month on skins
Pumpover/Punchdown	Punchdown
Destemming	Partial
Fermentation Vessel	Amphore
Fermentation Duration	6 weeks
Aging Method	Amphore
Aging Duration (months)	10 months
Filtered	Yes
Fining Agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees Contact/Stirring	yes
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur	Yes, 35 mg/L
Soil Type	Calcareous
Elevation (meters)	100
Vineyard Aspect	East
Vine Age	60
Yields (hl/ha)	30
Vine Training	Double Guyot
Picking	Hand-harvested
Annual Production	550 bottles

## Notes from the producer:

#31 in Top 100 The Wine Spectator 2021, first and highest ever for a Portuguese white wine...

Our winery is situated in one of the best wine-growing locations in the Styria region of Austria. The geological nature of the soil, the many hours of sunshine and well-distributed rainfall are virtually ideal conditions for vinicultural purposes. However, the quality of the wine cannot be solely attributed to the favourable assistance of Mother Nature. Experience gathered over decades, the sustainability of thought and deed as well as uncompromisingly high quality standards are what turn a good harvest into a wine full of character. As such, our name Polz has stood for generations for a “terroir” that is cultivated almost exclusively by hand, thus enabling our produce to testify to our passionate commitment and loving attention to detail.



## WineWise Notes:

For her trophy white, Filipa uses only her best and oldest Bical grapes from the Ois do Bairro, where stony clay overlays an extremely chalky subsoil. Fermented burgundy-stye in 500 liter barrels with batonnage every two weeks until bottling in May, this is always rated one of the top whites in Portugal. A study in contrast, with creaminess balanced by an assertive flinty character – as if Meursault were made in Sancerre. LIMITED

There are few rules when it comes to building a portfolio, but one gold standard is that if you start with quality, you will attract more of the same. Filipa is good friends with Alvaro Castro and Mário Sérgio (not to mention Heidi Schröck), Vasco Croft loves her wines, and you can guess the rest. This daughter of legendary Bairrada producer Luis Pato began by producing wines in the larger appellation of Beiras (and the Dão). She purchased a small winery in Bairrada, which she has now significantly expanded (by digging downwards!). Eventually, it is assumed, she will reunite with her father's estate, but, in the meantime, she has carved a big international name for herself by dint of her strikingly expressive and honest wines, so reflective of her own character. Joined now by her husband, renowned Belgian sommelier Willem Wouters, they have enthusiastically embraced the rigours of bio-dynamism. They have been steadily buying up new parcels of land, all within 10 km. of the home-base, some planted to old vines, others being replanted with massal selections. The estate is up to 15 hectares now, with a final goal of 22. As you can see, they constantly sell out.

